corridor, it has been included in Delhi Metro Phase-II project, which is to be taken up during the period 2005-2010.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The present level of traffic on Central Secretariat Vasant Kunj Corridor does not justify its inclusion in Phase-I of Delhi Metro Project, which is presently under implementation.

Refusal of LHMC to Handover the land to DMRC

2624. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Lady Hardinge Medical College Authorities have refused to hand over to Delhi Metro Rail Corporation a piece of land measuring 2.7 hectare in its possession required by the latter to complete the Connaught Place-Dwarka Section of the Metro Rail;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to solve this impasse so that the work on this section could start immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The land in question is 2.11 hectares and not 2.7 hectares.

(b) Land measuring 2.11 hectares, presently under the occupation of Lady Hardinge Medical College, can be utilized for re-settlement of 206 shops existing on Panchkuian Road and a few other structures affected by the construction of Delhi Metro. Lady Hardinge Medical College authorities have not agreed to transfer this land as they have a development plan for the hospital on this land.

(c) Various options for making alternative land available for the

purpose so that Delhi Metro project is not delayed on this account are being examined.

Poor drainage system in Government colonies in Delhi

2625. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the drainage system in all the Government colonies of Delhi is in worst condition;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to upkeep/maintain the drainage system properly so that the residents have not to face day to day problems in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that the drainage system in Netaji Nagar is not being properly maintained;

(d) whether all drainage pipelines emerging from the houses are in worst condition in the area particularly in E-Block; and

(e) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken to solve the said problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) The Municipal Corporation of Delhi, New Delhi Municipal Council and the Central Public Works Department have informed that the drainage system in their jurisdiction are being maintained properly.

(c) to (e) The New Delhi Municipal Council has informed that drainage system in Netaji Nagar area is being maintained properly. However, for E and F blocks of Netaji Nagar, some improvement works in drainage system are required for which the NDMC has already initiated the process and the works are scheduled to be completed before the monsoon.